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TITLE OF INVENTION: CORDLESS TELEPHONE ACTIVE-CALL ENABLED INTERCOM

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

KHAI M. NGUYEN

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5,8,11,14,19-22,28,29,46,48,51,53,56 and 58.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2617

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-18, 23-27, 30-45, 47, 49-50, 52, 54-55, and 57 have been cancelled.

Claims 8, 11, 14, 46, 48, 51, 53, 56, and 58 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 19-22, 28-29, 46, 48, 51, 53, 56, and 58 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reason for the indication of allowance:

Applicant's independent claim 1: The present in invention is directed to a method of answering an incoming call at a cordless handset having a base unit and a plurality of cordless handset, each of said base unit and a plurality of cordless handset being at a different location, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "after the incoming call is answered and while the incoming call is active, initiating an intercom connection between cordless handset, by an intercom initiating party, to alert an intercom receiving party, the intercom connection permitting voice communication between the intercom initiating party and the intercom receiving party; automatically placing said a coming call in a hold status if either said intercom initiating party or said intercom receiving party is also said first party; and accepting said incoming call at another one of said plurality of cordless handset, by said intercom receiving party, by terminating the hold status". Applicant's independent claim 1 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 5: The present in invention is directed to a method of answering all incoming call at a cordless handset with a base unit and first cordless

handset and a second cordless handset, said base unit and said first cordless handset and second cordless handset being at separate locations, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "the first party alerting a second party, by initiating an intercom connection between said first unit and said second unit, while the incoming call is automatically placed in a hold status, the intercom connection permitting voice communication between the first party and the second party; and the second party accepting the incoming call at the second unit by terminating the hold status".

Applicant's independent claim 5 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 8: The present in invention is directed to a cordless telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "said first and second control circuitry operating in response to initiation of an intercom communication at a first of said cordless telephone handsets to place an active call at the first cordless telephone handset on hold during said intercom communication, the intercom communication permitting voice communication between at least two of said cordless telephone handsets; wherein: said first control circuitry causes said active call to be placed on hold when said intercom communication is initiated during said active call and initiates said intercom communication between said cordless telephone handsets; and said first control circuitry causes said active call to be re-engaged when one of said cordless telephone handsets terminates said intercom communications".

Applicant's independent claim 8 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 11: The present in invention is directed to a cordless telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "said first, second and third control circuitry operating in response to initiation of an intercom communication at one of said first and second cordless telephone handsets to place an active call on hold during said intercom communication, the intercom communication permitting voice communication between at least two of said cordless telephone handsets; wherein: said first control circuitry causes said active call to be placed on hold when said intercom communication is initiated during said active call and initiates said intercom communication between at least two of said cordless telephone handsets; and said first control circuitry causes said active call to be re-engaged when at least one of said cordless telephone handsets terminates said intercom communication". Applicant's independent claim 11 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 14: The present in invention is directed to a cordless telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "said first, second, and third control circuitry operating in response to initiation of an intercom communication at one of said first and second cordless telephone handsets to place an active call on hold during said intercom communication, the intercom communication permitting voice communication between at least two of said cordless telephone handsets; wherein: said first control circuitry causes said active call to be

placed on hold when said intercom communication is initiated during said active call and initiates said intercom communication between at least two of said cordless telephone handsets; and said first control circuitry causes said active call to be re-engaged when one of said cordless telephone handsets terminates said intercom communications”.

Applicant's independent claim 14 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 46: The present in invention is directed to a method of communicating between wireless handsets in a multi-device telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature “(a) making a first connection for voice communication between a first wireless handset and the external telephone; (b) placing the first connection on hold while attempting to make a second connection for voice communication between the first wireless handset and a second wireless handset of the system; (c) making the second connection; (d) breaking the first and second connections; and (e) making a third connection between the external telephone and the second wireless handset”. Applicant's independent claim 46 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 51: The present in invention is directed to a multi-device telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature “(a) permit voice communication (i) between any two of the wireless handsets and (ii) between one of the wireless handsets and an external telephone via a telephone network;

(b) make a first connection for voice communication between a first wireless handset of the system and the external telephone; (c) place the first connection on hold while attempting to make a second connection for voice communication between the first wireless handset and a second wireless handset of the system; (d) make the second connection; (e) break the first and second connections; and (f) make a third connection between the external telephone and the second wireless handset". Applicant's independent claim 51 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 56: The present invention is directed to a base station for a multi-device telephone system, the independent claim identifies the patentably distinct feature "(a) make a first connection for voice communication between a first wireless handset of the system and an external telephone via a telephone network; (b) place the first connection on hold while attempting to make a second connection for voice communication between the first wireless handset and a second wireless handset of the system; (c) make the second connection; (d) break the first and second connections; and (e) make a third connection between the external telephone and the second wireless handset". Applicant's independent claim 56 comprises a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor-suggested by prior art.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tsukada et al. (U.S.Pat-4640987) discloses Cordless telephone.

Miyashita et al. (U.S.Pub-20070149188) discloses Cordless telephone system and method of connecting the same with interrupting caller.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI M. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kent Chang can be reached on 571.272.7667. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2617

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